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#### AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

SIR:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2001, the time for response to which expired on October 26, 2001, which date has been extended by the concurrent filing of a petition for a THREE-MONTH extension of time, including the required fee. The extended date for response to the Action expires on January 26, 2002. Because January 26, 2002 falls on a Saturday, the Action therefore expires on January 28, 2002.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 63, without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims: